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Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the final Official action mailed September 18, 2006. The three month period for response expires December 18, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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